

Dietitian Section

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Greetings everyone and Happy New Fiscal Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are now getting settled back into your routines. Let me start by saying thank you for all of your contributions to Army Dietetics and to our Corps. I am refreshed daily as I reflect on all of your accomplishments this past year. Please know I appreciate all that you do.

I want to highlight just a few issues in this edition:

WELCOME HOME

First, let me say welcome home to dietitians and 91M's that recently returned from deployments. These soldiers are **MAJ Colleen Kesselring** and **SSG Wells** who returned from Kuwait in June. We also welcome **MAJ Sara Speilman** who returned from Bosnia on 11 September 02. **SGT Roy Mass** recently returned to 67th Combat Hospital, Wurzburg Germany after spending 6 months in Kosovo with Task Med Falcon Force 6. Welcome home to each of you and thank you for your sacrifice. These officers and NCO's will be sharing their experiences with you either by VTC or at various military conferences throughout the year. We now have two reserve dietitians deployed – **MAJ Marie Patti** replaced **MAJ Kesselring** in Kuwait and **COL Char Norton** is serving as the Executive Officer for the medical task force now in Bosnia. SGT Mark Thibodeau replaced SGT Mass in Kosovo.

DIETITIANS IN THE NEWS: Dietitians are making a difference in so many ways throughout the command. Take a moment to read an update provided by MAJ Corum from CHPPM where she has provided highlights from the recent Force Protection Conference. **MAJ Corum** was the conference coordinator and several dietitians presented either posters or platform presentations. Make sure you check out the feature about CPT Brenda White who recently won the Army Bodybuilding Competition in 3 categories. What an awesome accomplishment. Check out the news feature of the Medallion to find out about all the other great things dietitians are doing to include some news about new babies and newlyweds.

UPCOMING VTC: Mark your calendars for 30, October 02, which is the date for our next VTC. This meeting will feature an update from the recent Healthcare Foodservice Managers conference as well as a report from the Junior Officer's Council Working Group. The entire agenda will be published soon and distributed by e-mail.

DOD Nutrition Symposium: The conference will be 18 and 19 October 02 in Philadelphia. We have 90 individuals who have registered for the conference thus far and I expect there will be even more. Hope to see you in Philly.

RETIREMENTS AND OTHER FAREWELLS:

LTC Francis Finegan is currently on terminal leave and transitioning into retired life. LTC Finegan has made many notable contributions to the AMEDD throughout her career and will be missed by all. I extend my thanks to you LTC Finegan and your family for your contributions.

CPT Jessica Stanton, staff dietitian from 121st General Hospital, Seoul Korea will leave the Army soon. My thanks to you CPT Stanton for your many contributions and I look forward to continuing to work with you as a member of the Army Reserves.